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Accept our best wishes for a Merry Christmas, and our sincere thanks for the cordial spirit with which you have received our endeavors to merit your approbation.

Those who were unable to purchase yesterday can do so today.

A most Merry Xmas! Today & Shall Be open Until Noon!

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Jeweler.

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A cup of tea

Is the most refreshing drink procurable. We recommend our

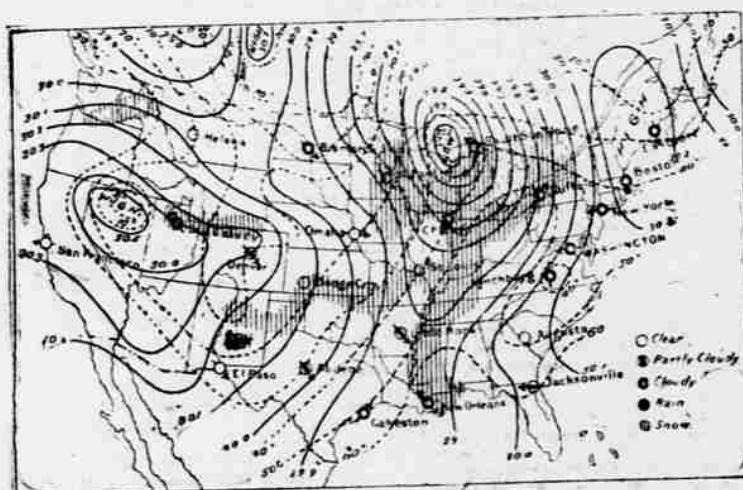
Perfection Tea, 50c pr lb.

Its delicate blend, flavor, and strength are unsurpassed.

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## THE TIMES DAILY WEATHER MAP.

(Prepared at the United States Weather Bureau.)



## Forecast Till 8 P. M. Thursday.

For the District of Columbia, Delaware and Maryland, threatening weather, with rain today and tonight; fair Thursday and cooler; southeasterly winds.

For Virginia, fair, except showers in western portion today and tonight; cooler in western portion tonight; cooler Thursday; southeasterly winds, becoming northwesterly.

## Weather Conditions and General Forecast.

The pressure is high in New England and the Middle Atlantic States; also in the Rocky Mountain districts. A storm of considerable energy covers the lake region, central in Upper Michigan. It will move eastward and cause high southeasterly winds on the New England coast. The barometer has fallen rapidly in the lake region, and rain has fallen in the lake region and the Ohio and Mississippi valleys. Threatening weather, with rain, is indicated for New England, the Middle States and the lake region, with clearing weather

## OFFICIALS' XMAS CHEER

Family Reunions at Homes of the Cabinet Officers.

## WHITE HOUSE FESTIVITY

Foreign Legations Celebrate Christmas Day in Their Own Separate Ways—Venezuelan Embassy Has a Genuine American Dinner—District Commissioners Observe at Home.

Among the families of the President and the members of the Cabinet Christmas day was celebrated in the usually quiet way, the festivities taking place at home in most cases.

At the White House the day was given up to the three little girls of the President's family, and the children enjoyed the day just as other children do, in a round of merry-making. A large Christmas tree was provided for the children, and President and Mrs. Cleveland gave their time to the entertainment of the little folks. There were many presents from many different people, and the tree was loaded to the floor with good things.

There was a merry exchange of presents at the White House. The President himself gave turkeys to the employees of the house, and he in turn was the recipient of many tokens. Each member of the Cabinet was presented with a big red apple by Secretary Morton at the White House.

Vice President and Mrs. Stevenson and their daughters spent the day in a home-like way by leaving their rooms at La Normandie and becoming the guests of Mrs. M. T. Stevenson. Mrs. Stevenson, at her home on Sixteenth street, Mr. Lewis Stevenson is absent in Japan this year, and his wife is in poor health, and these circumstances marred the festivities of the day.

**CHRISTMAS IN THE CABINET.**  
The Secretary of State and Mrs. Olney spent the day with their daughter, Mrs. Minot, and a few other friends were entertained at dinner.

The Secretary of the Treasury, with Mrs. Carlisle, had a pleasant family reunion at home. The occasion was made pleasant by the presence of their son, Mr. William Carlisle, and his family, who are spending the holidays at the capital. Mr. and Mrs. Logan Carlisle were also members of the family circle.

The reunion at the home of Secretary Herbert was made happy by the presence of the entire family circle, and the Christmas celebration was an unusually joyful one. Mr. and Mrs. Mison were present. Miss Herbert has lately returned from Europe, and Mr. Henry Herbert is enjoying his holiday vacation from college work.

Secretary and Mrs. Lamont had a children's holiday celebration at their home, and the day was thoroughly enjoyed by the three little folks.

At the home of Postmaster General and Mrs. Wilson the family circle was broken by the absence of one abroad. Miss Wilson and her sister are home from college, and are entertaining several school friends during the holidays.

The enjoyment of the holiday at the home of Secretary and Mrs. Smith was marred by the illness of their little daughter, Lucy. The father and mother of the Secretary and Mr. Barton Smith spent the day with them.

Attorney General and Mrs. Harmon entertained their daughter, Mrs. Wright, of Philadelphia, with her husband and young child.

Secretary and Mrs. Morton had a quiet family celebration, and with Mrs. Morton entertained a few friends at dinner.

**A VENEZUELAN FESTIVAL.**  
Senator Andrade, the Venezuelan minister, celebrated the Christmas festivities today in true American fashion.

There are no little ones at the legation and the early morning passed with good cheer among the members of his family. The father and mother of the Secretary and Mr. Barton Smith spent the day with them.

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Kid Gloves given free with every purchase of a Ladies' Cloak or Cape, and the prices are about one-half of formerly.

60.00 Bouche and Beaver Box Coats.....\$3.98  
45.00 Box Jackets and Capes.....\$5.48  
\$12.00 Capes or Rough Jackets.....\$6.98  
\$18.00 Fur Capes.....\$9.98  
\$20.00 Persian Lamb Jackets.....\$11.98

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remained at his home on Iowa Circle during the day, having also attended service at St. Matthew's. Senator Ponce is the happy father of a two-month-old baby, and after partaking of an American turkey dinner, enjoyed himself with his family.

The national bird of China is the duck, and the dinner at the Chinese embassy will be made up largely of that fowl. For two weeks past the yard at the legation has been filled with ducks which are being fattened for the occasion, and yesterday they were prepared in the various fashions enjoyed by the Celestials.

In Venezuela Christmas festivities begin on Christmas eve. The night before Christmas is the occasion for a grand celebration. The ball commences soon after dark and lasts until dawn, the guests being the members of the embassy and the approach of Christmas day. Then the festivities cease, the dancers go to their homes and, after sleeping for several hours, attend religious service.

In South American countries it is the custom for worshippers to bring their own seats. The men bring chairs and the women beautiful cushions, upon which they sit during the service.

In Germany Christmas Day is most devoutly celebrated. All stores are closed and quietude reigns supreme.

In Italy the opposite is noticeable. Fakirs are crying their wares, bands play and the day is a noisy one.

**WITH THE COMMISSIONERS.**  
The District Commissioners also celebrated the day, for the most part, at home.

Commissioner Truesdell spent the day partly at home and partly among his friends. The Columbia Hospital, the meat market and the Citizens' League of Northwest Washington by Contractor Wardfield has not yet affected his social relations.

Commissioner Ross had at home his two daughters from the Woman's College, in Baltimore, and his younger son, who lives with him at the Vermont Hotel. He spent the day in quiet enjoyment, and needed no Christmas tree to make the day cheerful.

The Commissioner's father, who was married last summer, has been planning to go for a share in the day's festivities, giving and taking at the same time.

Commissioner Powell had a Christmas tree at his home. Mrs. Powell and her two boys and two girls, ranging in age from two to nine, have been planning and working for it for ten days. It was lighted brilliantly with perfumed tapers and incandescent lights, giving the brilliant illumination of the one and the soft, delightful radiance of the other.

The tree bore a few expensive and elegant gifts, and a burden of trifles that pleased the hearts of children and made the Christmas time a beautiful and blessed memory all through life. There were dolls and whistles and horns, a wagon, drum, toy carriage, soldiers, puzzles, and bonbons.

John B. Brady, Inspector of Buildings, spent the day at home with his family. His youngest child is ten years old, and he and his wife enjoy Christmas as well as if they still had implicit faith in Santa Claus. They have a host of friends, and they make a lively day of it in his handsome residence on B street southwest, near Eleventh.

"Let the children have their fun. That's partly what life is for," he said yesterday.

Met at 1:30; Wed at 1:45.  
Glasgow, Ky., Dec. 13.—A marriage, romantic in the extreme, was solemnized in the office of the county clerk this afternoon. The bride and groom had never so much as heard of the other's existence until yesterday, and met for the first time when they were brought face to face in the county clerk's office and introduced by a mutual friend preparatory to the application for license.

The groom is John Underwood, 65 years old, farmer, near Temple Hill, and the bride was Mrs. Martha J. Turner, a widow, 24 years old, and who came from South Carolina to this country about two months ago. The mutual friend yesterday pictured to the groom of today the virtues and excellences of the young bride, and to her he recited the sterling worth and good qualities of the farmer.

Commissioned by the latter with a proposition of marriage, he returned with an acceptance from the widow. They set eyes upon each other at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon, and at 1:45 o'clock a local minister had pronounced their husband and wife.—St. Louis Republic.

**Hitherto Out of Sight.**  
With face aflame with blush of shame, the living picture cried:

"I'll not go on that stage tonight; Oh, do, do let me hide!"

"Pray, what to fear, my pretty dear?" asked Low Comedown Spats.

"Why, I'll be seen; the ladies all have taken off their hats."

—New York World.

**EMRICH BEEF CO.,**  
Wholesale and Retail Dealers in  
Dressed Beef, Mutton, Pork, Provisions, etc.,  
Main Office & Market, 1306-12 32d St.,  
W. WASHINGTON, D. C., October 19, 1895.

Mr. C. G. Conn.

DEAR SIR: In answer to your letter of the 15th inst., we have to say that, as an advertising medium, we consider the Times fully equal to any newspaper in Washington. Its wonderful growth and its large circulation places it among the first class journals of the country, and under proper management there is no doubt of its success. The results we have had from our advertisements in the Times have been very satisfactory, and we see no reason why we shall not continue to use the paper for this purpose.

Yours truly,  
Emrich Beef Co.

## SOCIABLE MERRY

Christmas Was Not Altogether Merry at the Metropolis.

## SEVEN SHUFFLED THE COIL

Paris Green, Carbolic Acid, Gas, Bullets and Drowning Are Used for the Deadly Work, and One Poor Fellow Leaves Note Wishing His Mother as Merry a Christmas as His Own.

New York, Dec. 25.—Simultaneous with the arrival of Christmas the metropolis was struck by another tidal wave, which made a strong contrast to the usual happy and good cheer popularly supposed to prevail during the holiday season.

Leon Kunkelman, a young married woman, 32, 635 Eleventh street, attempted suicide early this morning by swallowing a quantity of Paris green, but an ambulance surgeon pumped the poison out and announced that the woman was out of danger.

**TOOK CARBOLIC ACID.**  
Margaret McElmott, twenty-three years of age, residing at No. 25 Hancock place, committed suicide last night by taking carbolic acid.

Robert Glass, forty-three years old, living at No. 22 St. Mark's place, was found dead this morning, and a bottle half filled with carbolic acid lying on the floor.

The police refuse to believe that the man committed suicide. His wife and three daughters were out doing Christmas shopping, and when they returned home they found him dead.

Jacob Diers' dead body was found late yesterday afternoon hanging in a closet of the flat at No. 67 Douglas street, Brooklyn, where he lived. On a table was found this message written on a piece of brown paper:

"Dear Mother, I write you these lines to let you know I still wish you a merry Christmas. Mine is also merry. I made it so. Good-bye."

Paul Diers, fifteen years old, of No. 90 Cook street, Brooklyn, is dying in the Eastern District Hospital from a bullet wound inflicted because his father, who recently died in Germany, had disinherited him on account of his waywardness.

**MRS. KEENAN DROWNED HERSELF.**  
The pretty wife of John Keenan, of No. 77 Bergen street, Brooklyn, jumped from a pier into the water yesterday afternoon and drowned herself. Her husband says he thinks she had become demented.

Mary Martin, a servant, was found unconscious in her room, at No. 349 East Thirty-third street this morning. She had inhaled illuminating gas, which the police believe she had used to burn up a girl who died soon after being discovered.

**RIGHT INTO THEIR HANDS.**  
Republicans find comfort in the President's Stand.

Republicans are beginning to think the President's messages were not such bad things after all.

The first of course, aroused all the patriotism of the country, which has not had a chance to air itself for years. The second placed the President in a position making it all most impossible to refuse any measure Congress may send to him.

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All a Merry Xmas

## And let You know

We'll be Closed

All Day Today.

Eiseman Bros.,

Cor. 7th and E Sts. N.W.

No Branch Store in Washington.

BOYS RECEIVE CLOTHING

Free Distribution of One Hundred Overcoats This Morning.

Crowds of Poorly Clad Urchins Line Up in Front of Saks & Co's Store.

"Man's humanity to man" was the cause of bright faces, light hearts and grateful expressions among one hundred poor boys of this city this morning.

For several years past Saks and Company have endeavored to lighten the burden of many families and cheer the hearts of persons in need of clothing. This has been done by the distribution of coats to the worthy poor. Last year they were distributed through the medium of the Central Union Mission.

In order to reach another class of people and scatter the happiness over a greater territory, one hundred coats, entitled the holder to an overcoat or a suit of clothes.

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